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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: VAN GOMPEL ET AL.

Appln. No.: 10/624,660

Filed: July 22, 2003

For: DISPOSABLE  
UNDERGARMENT HAVING A  
CUTOUT AND METHOD FOR  
THE MANUFACTURE  
THEREOF

Attorney Docket No.: 659-1143

K-C Ref.: 19226

Examiner: Craig, Paula L.

Art Unit: 3761

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement mailed December 6, 2006, Applicants elect Species G. Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's statement that at least claim 1 is generic with respect to Species G (Office Action at 3).

Applicants further submit that claims 2-7, 10-16 and 28-33 are generic with respect to

**S/N 10/624,660**

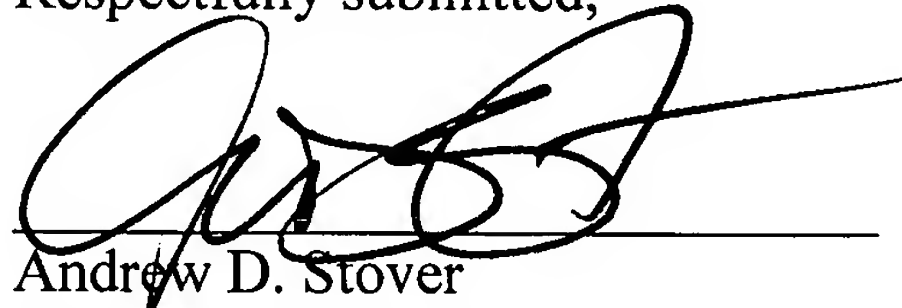
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Species G, and that claim 8 further reads on Species G. Since claim 9 depends from generic claim 1, Applicants have not withdrawn or cancelled any claims.

Any questions concerning this election should be directed to the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4713.

Respectfully submitted,

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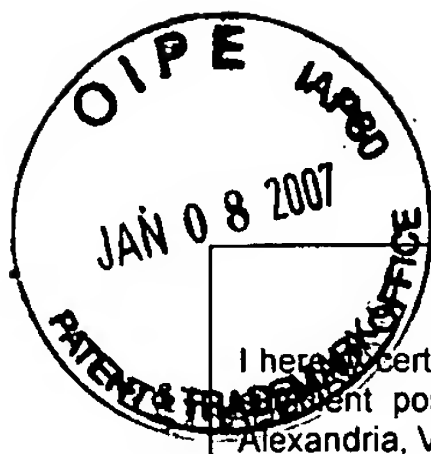
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Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Response to Restriction Requirement
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(\_\_\_\_\_).
- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity			Not a Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total		Minus			x \$25=			x \$50=	
Indep.		Minus			x 100=			x \$200=	
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$180=			+\$360=	
					Total	\$		Total	\$

Fee payment:

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

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